

Atty. Dkt. No. 00CR064/KE

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons that follow. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier. Claims 1-28 remain pending in this application.

In the Section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-14, and 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,477,152 to Hiatt (hereinafter "Hiatt"). The Examiner stated the "Hiatt does not explicitly disclose that the received signals are transmitted from within a very short range," but that such a limitation would be obvious. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1 and 8 were previously amended to recite that the direct broadcast very low range receiver is "limited to receiving signals transmitted from within a very short range." In this way, several mobile platforms can communicate to several docking areas without interference and without utilizing different frequency ranges. (Application, p. 16, lines 13-17) This limitation was not addressed by the Examiner in the received Office Action.

As stated in the previous Office Action, this limitation and the advantage it provides cannot be realized by the system of Hiatt, configured to operate at any distance within the airport, and therefore is not taught nor suggested by Hiatt. An assertion that the system of Hiatt can operate at any distance is not a teaching nor suggestion of a direct broadcast very low range receiver that is "limited to receiving signals transmitted from within a very short range." Accordingly, each and every limitation of amended claims 1 and 8 is neither taught nor suggested by the references cited by the Examiner.

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Claims 2 and 4-7 depend from claim 1 and include all of the limitations thereof. Claims 9, 11-14, and 16-17 depend from claim 8 and include all of the limitations thereof. These claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 4-7, 9, 11-14, and 16-17 is respectfully requested.

In the Section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 3, 10, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiatt in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,314,572 to Larocca (hereinafter "Larocca"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 3 depends from claim 1 and includes all of the limitations thereof. Claims 10 and 15 depend from claim 8 and include all of the limitations thereof. Larocca does not cure the deficiencies of Hiatt noted above with reference to claims 1 and 8. These claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3, 10 and 15 is respectfully requested.

Claims 18-28 have previously been indicated as allowable. Claims 18-28 remain pending in this application.

The Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reopening and favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1722. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 18-1722.

Respectfully submitted,

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